



## 2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 80

April 25, 2006 – Introduced by Senator HARSDORF, cosponsored by Representative RHOADES. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** the life and service of Merton Timmerman.

2             Whereas, Merton Timmerman of River Falls, Wisconsin, was born on May 6,  
3     1919, in Monticello, Minnesota, and passed away on March 15, 2006, after a 15 year  
4     battle with cancer; and

5             Whereas, after graduating from River Falls High School in 1936, Mert enrolled  
6     in the Wisconsin State Normal School in River Falls, which is now the University of  
7     Wisconsin–River Falls, and earned teaching degrees in agriculture and science; and

8             Whereas, Mert courageously served our country in the U.S. Navy as a pilot  
9     during World War II, where he flew 46 missions in the Pacific theater and earned the  
10    Distinguished Flying Cross; and

11            Whereas, upon completing his service in the U.S. Navy, Mert became a  
12    respected teacher at Dunn County Agricultural High School; and

13            Whereas, as a farmer for 30 years, Mert committed his life to promoting  
14    agriculture and fought for farmland preservation as a St. Croix county  
15    commissioner; and

1           Whereas, later in life, Mert devoted a great deal of time to reforestation and  
2 conservation practices, entrusting 70 acres of his woodland to the western Wisconsin  
3 land trust thereby ensuring the land would be preserved; and

4           Whereas, Mert was honored with several awards in 1986, including the  
5 Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and the  
6 award for Excellence in Agriculture Conservation by the American Farmland Trust  
7 in Washington, D.C.; and

8           Whereas, Mert was an active and devoted member of the community his entire  
9 life, serving on organizations and boards including the River Falls Plan Commission,  
10 the St. Croix County Board, the St. Croix County Farm Bureau, the St. Croix Central  
11 School Board, and the Western Wisconsin Refugee Orientation Committee; and

12           Whereas, Mert generously opened his home and offered assistance to foreign  
13 students; and

14           Whereas, Mert enjoyed nearly 50 years of marriage to his loving wife, Eleanor,  
15 who passed away in 1991, and their union was blessed with 4 children and 9  
16 grandchildren; and

17           Whereas, Mert will always be remembered for his generosity and respectful  
18 nature, his kind and gentle spirit, and his caring personality; now, therefore, be it

19           ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
20 Wisconsin legislature, on behalf of a grateful state, honor Merton Timmerman for his  
21 dedicated service to the River Falls community and extend their condolences to his  
22 family and friends; and, be it further

23           ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint  
24 resolution to Merton Timmerman's children, Richard Timmerman, Marian

1 Timmerman, Janet Socks, and Martha Lahmann and to his brother, Albert  
2 Timmerman.

3 (END)